

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS KU UR  
SUBJ: GOK PURCHASE OF SOVIET MISSILES

REF: KUWAIT 1592 STATE 72305

1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOCIAL ENCOUNTER AND BECAUSE HE IS RELATED TO THE KUWAITI RULING FAMILY, I SPOKE TO KUWAITI AMB SHEIKH NASSER AL-SABAH HERE ALONG THE LINES SET FORTH IN THE FIRST FOUR POINTS SET FORTH IN STATE 72305. WHEN I OPENED THE SUBJECT IN A GENERAL WAY, SHEIKH NASSER REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD GOK OFFICIALS HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH US AND THAT WE HAD INTERPOSED NO OBJECTION. I ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WAS NOT MY UNDERSTANDING AND THEN WENT ON TO STRESS OUR PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT STRELLA AND THE DANGER IT POSED IN THE WRONG HANDS. I SAID THAT I ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE GOK AS WELL. SHEIKH NASSER REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THIS CONSIDERATION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. MOVING ON TO THE BROADER QUESTION OF ACQUIRING ARMAMENTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION, NASSER SAID WITH A SMILE, "WE HAVE TO KEEP SOME BALANCE IN OUR RELATIONS." HE DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE GOK HAD CONSULTED WITH IRAN ON THIS MATTER, BUT I AM INCLINED TO

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DOUBT IT SINCE HE HAD NOT MENTION IT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONVERSATION.

2. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS HAS BEEN HELPFUL BUT ASSUME THAT NASSER WILL REPORT OUR CONVERSATION TO THE GOK WHEN HE IS IN KUWAIT NEXT WEEK.

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